

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing an example of the "virtual axis" recited in many of the claims. Applicant points out that this axis is indeed shown in several of the Figures and labeled as 24 (see, e.g., Fig. 1). For clarity, Applicant has amended the specification to include a reference to this axis 24, at least with respect to Figure 22.

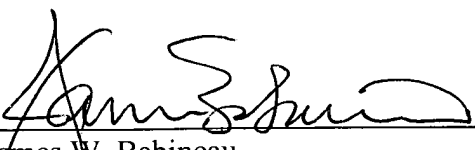
Claim 24 has been amended for proper antecedent basis.

Regarding the provisional double patenting rejection of claims 1-24 and 27 over claims 1-25 of co-pending and co-owned U.S. application 11/089,531, Applicant respectfully acknowledges the provisional nature of this rejection, notes that a similar provisional rejection was made in the examination of the co-pending application before the same Examiner, and requests that as no further issues remain in this case to prevent issuance, the provisional rejection be withdrawn in this case and maintained in the co-pending matter. Should the claims of the co-pending case still be held to be obvious in view of the claims that issue in this case, the owner of these applications will consider filing a terminal disclaimer in the second-advanced case.

No fees are believed due. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the above attorney docket number.

Respectfully submitted,

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